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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS  
and Petition for Extension of Time**

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed 1 November 2004, the period for response being extended one month to 1 March 2005 by the petition below, on the following six pages are amendments to the claims, and following thereafter are remarks directed to the Office action.

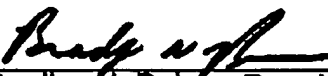
Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to 1 March 2005 in order to respond to the Office action. Please charge the extension fee of \$110 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 502144.

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